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SUBJ: PRESIDENT COMMENT ON THE PRESIDENT'S REJECTION OF
RENEWED PARTY ACTIVITY

REF: MVD 2493 AND 2528

1. ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9, EL DIA RAN AN EDITORIAL WHICH STRONGLY
ATTACKED PRESIDENT BORDABERRY'S SEPTEMBER 4 REFUSAL TO REMOVE
CONSTRAINTS ON POLITICAL PARTIES. A LA MANANA EDITORIAL WHICH
APPEARED ON THE SAME DAY PRAISED THE SPEECH EQUALLY STRONGLY.

2. ACCORDING TO COLORADO (BATLLISTA) EL DIA (WHICH DOES NOT MEN-
TION THE SPEECH DIRECTLY), THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE STATE OUGHT
TO BE TO GUARANTEE THE RIGHT OF ITS CITIZENS TO MODIFY THE ACTIONS
OF THE STATE ITSELF: "BECAUSE IN TOTALITARIAN STATES, THE SYNTHESIS
OF THE CONTRADICTIONS, THE STRUGGLES, THE AMBITIONS, AND THE
DEFECTIONS THAT ARE A PART OF THE HUMAN RACE IS MADE BY A STATE
BASED ON FORCE THAT SOMETIMES PRETENDS TO REASON, BUT THAT, IN THE
LAST INSTANCE, PROCLAIMS THAT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE IS INTERU-
PRETED BY A LEADER-A FUHRER, DUCE, MAN OF STEEL, CAUDILLO, OR
WHATEVER HE MIGHT BE CALLED..." THIS LEADER IS GRANTED PRACTICALLY
MAGIC POWERS PERMITTING HIM TO ACT INTUITIVELY WHILE CRITICISM IS
STIFLED. EL DIA ADDED, "ALL OF THIS IS ELEMENTAL, IT HAS BEEN SAID
MANY TIMES, AND THOSE OF US WHO ASSUMED AN OPENLY COMBATIVE
ATTITUDE BEFORE THE TUPAMARO SEDITION FROM THE BEGINNING, EXPOUNDED
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IT REPEATEDLY TO DEFEND THE REPUBLIC. IF WE RETURN TO THIS THEME

NOW WITHOUT TIRING, IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE ABSOLUTELY SURE THAT IN STATEMENTS LIKE THIS LIE THE TRUE NATIONAL UNITY, WITHOUT EXCLUDING ANYONE WHO IS NOT A CRIMINAL AND WITHOUT PENALTIES FOR ANY CRIMINALS THAT ARE NOT PRESCRIBED BY LAW."

3. THE BLANCO (INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE) LA MANANA SAID THAT EXCEPT FOR THE CLOSING OF CONGRESS, THE CONSTITUTION REMAINS IN EFFECT. "THE RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND GUARANTEES OF THE INDIVIDUAL REMAIN INTACT. THE DECENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATION, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENTS, THE JUDICIAL POWER, AND THE CONTENTIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL (WHICH HAS THE POWER TO NULLIFY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS PERFORMED BY THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION NORMALLY AND REGULARLY CONFORM TO THE CLEAR, STRICT INTELLIGENCE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL NORMS."

ACCORDING TO THE EDITORIAL, CONGRESS WAS CLOSED BECAUSE IT WAS "THE SOURCE OF NATIONAL DETERIORATION", AND IF THE COMPLETION OF THE "NATIONAL REVOLUTION" DEPENDS ON THE REMODELING OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS, THIS JOB CANNOT BE HANDED OVER TO THE STRUCTURES "RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS COLLAPSE". LA MANANA CONCLUDES THAT "WHAT IS BASICALLY IMPORTANT IS THAT THESE (CONSTITUTIONAL) INNOVATIONS ISSUE FROM THE FRANK, OPEN, AND FLUID DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, WITHOUT THE DEFORMING MEDIATIONS OF AGENTS WHOSE HISTORICAL FUNCTION IS EXHAUSTED."

4. THE HEAD OF THE MAJOR DAILIES, THE BLANCO EL PAIS, HAS NOT COMMENTED ON THE SPEECH.
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